

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 9 with the following paragraph:

--As used herein the term "ligation independent cloning" is used in the conventional sense to refer to incorporation of a DNA molecule into a vector or chromosome without the use of kinases or ligases. Ligation independent cloning techniques are described, for instance, in Aslanidis and de Jong, 1991) *Nucleic Acids Research* 18:6069-6074 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/847,298.--